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Fall Conference and Association Meetings



Mrs. Challis Rhodes, president of Women's Fellowship; Rev. Herbert Long, Moderator; Mrs. N. A. Long; and Mrs. G. F. Logan of Central Association



Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Moderator and Minister-at-large for North Alabama



Rev. A. C. Nelson, new Moderator, being congratulated by Rev. Charles W. Bell, retiring Moderator at East Association meeting

The fall meetings of the six associations and conferences within the Southeast Convention were held during Oct. 5-19. Each offered a good program, well-planned by the moderators and officers, and well attended.

Miss Alice M. Huggins, writer and former missionary to China, was the guest speaker at all six meetings and proved to be not only an entertaining, challenging and inspiring speaker but an adaptable traveler and delightful guest.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. and the Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell, minister of Christian education for the SEC, also attended each meeting, reporting on phases of the Southeast Convention program, speaking, greeting old friends and making new ones. Miss Campbell promoted **Advance** and **The Southeast News**, securing many subscriptions and renewals of subscriptions.

Three new churches have come into the fellowship of churches in the Southeast Convention: **Knoxville First Congregational Church** is a member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; **Cluster Springs Community Church** is a member of the South Alabama-NW Florida Association; **Russell Woods Congregational Church** of Phenix City is a member of the East Alabama Association.

New officers and committee chairmen are listed below:

Central Alabama Association: Moderator, Rev. Herbert Long; Asst. Moderator, Samuel Johnson Jr.; Secretary-



Rev. Ralph Worley, Vice-moderator; Rev. Kermit Harris, Moderator; and Miss Dora Brackin, Scribe-treasurer, of the South Alabama-NW Florida Association

treasurer, Mrs. John Fralic; Member-at-large to the SEC Board of Directors, Rev. N. A. Long; Delegate to General Council, Rev. Herbert Long. Committee chairmen are the same as last year.

East Alabama Association. Moderator, Rev. A. C. Nelson; Vice-moderator, Dr. A. R. Van Cleave; Secretary, H. P. Baird; Treasurer, Ross McCormick; General Council Delegate, Rev. A. C. Nelson. SEC Board of Directors, H. P. Baird.

Committee chairmen: Ministry and Churches, Rev. Olin Sheppard; Religious Education and Youth Work, Rev. Bill Traylor; Evangelism, Worship and Fellowship, Rev. John Crutcher.

North Alabama Association: Moderator, Rev. Guy L. Colbert; Vice-moderator, Rev. Robert L. Shelton; Scribe-treasurer, Miss Glenda Washburn; Pastor-at-large, Rev. Guy L. Colbert; Member-at-large on SEC Board, Rev. Robt. L. Shelton.

Committee chairmen: Ministry and Churches, Rev. Earnest Shelton; Christian Education, Mrs. Edd Clark; Evangelism, Rev. Robt. L. Shelton.

South Alabama - NW Florida: Moderator, Rev. Kermit Harris; Asst.-moderator, Rev. Ralph Worley; Scribe-treasurer, Miss Dora Brackin; Representative to SEC Board, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn; Delegate to General Council, Miss Dora Brackin; Alternate, Rev. Blankenhorn;

Committee chairmen: Ministry and Churches, Yancey Kelley; Christian Education, Mrs. Alfred Adams; Survey & Church Aid, Rev. Ralph Worley; Evangelism, E. H. Henby; Stewardship and

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Dr. W. K. Grobel, new Moderator, being congratulated by R. G. Obrecht, retiring Moderator of Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

PROGRESS: OUR GOAL

This is our Southland, the place you and I have chosen to live, to work and to rear our families. Great changes are taking place — industry is moving into our area, farming is being mechanized, roads improved, schools improved and built — and all the other numerous changes that come with progress. Progress is a gradual development and improvement, moving onward sometimes slowly and sometimes at an ever-increasing pace, bringing many benefits to those who can keep abreast of the accelerated pace but leaving behind those who lag.

The Congregational Christian Churches can play an important role in the religious pattern of this great New South. If we plan wisely and work vigorously we can contribute much to ecumenicity and, through the freedom of Congregationalism and the liberal Christian views, do much to provide a religious life for the many who are seeking a religion that will satisfy the soul without stultifying the mind.

If we are to achieve our rightful place of religious influence, it is imperative that we build new, strong churches in the cities and towns that will add numerical, financial and moral support to our many rural churches. Preliminary surveys recently made in several cities reveal many Congregational Christian families living in areas where there are no Congregational Christian churches for them to attend. We are constantly losing many good church families to other denominations because of this lack.

The Church Builders Club is dedicated to the idea and plan of helping to build these urgently needed new churches and has already assisted with the Douglas and Tifton churches. The drive is now under way for Project 3—Nashville Brookmeade Church. This drive will close on Dec. 15, and next year we will be ready to help build another new church in cooperation with the Survey and Church Aid Committee of the SEC.

You, too, can be a part of this far-reaching movement and help build new churches to the glory of God and for the maturity of man, thus making our Southland a better place. Church Builders Club members are pledged to contribute \$5.00 to help each new church erect a worthy edifice. (Not more than

DEDICATION AT SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE

Convocation and Dedication ceremonies for the dedication of Pilgrim Hall, a new dormitory for women and the first new building on the Southern Union College campus since 1928, were held on the afternoon of Nov. 3, climaxing the 1957 Homecoming Festival.

Speaker for the convocation, which preceded the dedication, was Dr. Charles L. Copenhaver, minister of the First Congregational Church, Glen Ridge, N. J. He spoke on the theme "Firm Foundations."

Vice-President Douglas Wasson led the congregational responses after the key was presented by Vernon L. Carter, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the college. Music was offered by the Southern Union Choir, directed by Madam Lilly Justus.

The dormitory was named Pilgrim Hall because of the leadership given by the Pilgrim Fellowships of the nation during the fund raising program. V. R. Dobson, president of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship participated in the ceremony.

The story of Pilgrim Hall is one of faith in action. When the ground was broken for the building in July 1956, only \$15,000 was on hand in the building fund for the dormitory. Hundreds of letters, many speeches and the consecration of church people across the nation went into action during the following months and the building was opened for use in September of 1957. The architect is Evan M. Terry of Birmingham and the contractor is Lynn H. Blair of Alexander City. Total cost of the building and furnishings was \$65,000.

Several donors are being honored with special markers. The spacious lounge will be known as Chindahl Lounge in honor of the George L. Chindahl family, formerly of Illinois. Chindahl,

dahl, now of Maitland, Fla., was the largest single donor for the building. The main entrance will be known as the Wallace Entrance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Wallace of Westfield, N. J. The lounge entrance will be known as the Ensminger Entrance honoring Dr. Fred P. Ensminger, president emeritus of the college, and his family. The corridor will be known as the Hahn Corridor in memory of Ronnie Hahn, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clement F. Hahn, Spokane, Wash., who was killed in action during World War II.

An interesting project has been the furnishing of the dormitory rooms. Again many states are involved and a great many special projects were promoted. Rooms were furnished by the Inter Se Club of Wadley (honoring Miss Vera Van Cleave, SUC staff member since 1932, and the Ross Ensminger family, former president; the Women's Fellowships of the following — Alabama - NW Florida, Georgia - South Carolina, First Congregational Church at Kalamazoo, Mich., the Chicago Area (honoring Miss Marguerite Davison, former SUC staff member), Winter Park Church, Fla., Central Association of the Illinois Conference, Washington, D. C. area (honoring SUC trustee, Mrs. May L. Flickinger), Kansas (in memory of Mrs. Lydia Wellman, former SUC trustee), Twin Cities of Minnesota; and the following Congregational Christian churches — First Congregational of Irvington, N. J., Ingram Memorial of Washington, D. C., the Maine churches; and Dr. Emily Dexter, Atlanta trustee, in memory of her parents, and a room in memory of Mrs. Jesse Beach, outstanding church worker from Washington, D. C.

The College Alumni Association served tea in Chindahl Lounge of Pilgrim Hall following the dedication.

contribution directly to the Southeast Convention office.

—Board of Trustees
Church Builders Club

ANNUAL MEETING CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB

November 17 at 2:30 P. M.
Lanett Church, Lanett, Ala.
Dr. Kenneth Kihler: guest speaker

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Project of the Month

In many churches in our fellowship, a traditional part of the Thanksgiving celebration is the Share Our Surplus program. Boys and girls in the church schools have been particularly keen participants in this project. If S. O. S. is not being observed in your church school, this would be a good year to start.

Last year we announced that each dollar contributed to S. O. S. would send 200 pounds of food overseas; when reports came in, it was found that better than 200 pounds was shipped for every dollar contributed! Surely no other program can offer so much material assistance for so little. Lest this encouraging report inspire complacency, let us consider the present situation. Church World Service has received requests from nine new countries for a share in America's over-abundance of food — the response of our churches in the current appeal will determine whether these needs can be met.

Remember that contributions to S. O. S. are for the administrative, distributive and transportation costs of sending overseas stocks of surplus foods owned by the U. S. Government. Unless

National Conference On Christian Education

of Congregational Christian Churches
The United Church

The 1958 National Conference on Christian Education will be held Aug. 19-22 on the campus of Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind.

Anyone interested in Christian education, or any Christian education worker eager to improve his or her skills or gain new and deeper insights, is invited to become a part of this great group of workers from the C C and E and R churches.

No limit is placed upon the number of delegates from any one church; instead each church is urged to send a "team" of workers.

The cost will be \$33.00 which includes registration, bus to campus, insurance, meals (10) and lodging (4 nights).

the food is released by voluntary funds, it will remain in storage indefinitely. Hungry people in this country are cared for first, and food which is sent overseas represents the tremendous "left-over" after these needs are satisfied. The sole support of S. O. S. is the churches who participate in this program, and it is the Congregational Christian churches who have from the beginning led other denominations in contributions to S. O. S. This gives us a high standard to maintain, a real responsibility to uphold.

This year, as in previous years, the Missions Council and the Congregational Christian Service Committee have prepared a special mailing to all pastors of C. C. churches. Included in the packet is a special poster for children called "Throw Out the Lifeline" and other factual information, and display material for bulletin boards. Offering envelopes and small leaflets for individual mailings to adults are available. Check with your minister as to what plans your church has made, and write to Missions Council, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., if you do not have these attractive helps.

Contributions may be sent through the Southeast Convention office and will be forwarded to our Congregational Christian Service Committee in New York. Gifts to S. O. S. will receive credit as over and above giving to Our Christian World Mission.

Security for Ministers

Ministers who failed to get coverage by Social Security when the law expired last March are now given another two years in which to sign their waiver and get into this insurance by the government for people who are self-employed. This extension of time has recently become law by the signature of the President to an act passed by Congress.

"The new law also provides that ministers will not include as net earnings for social security purposes 1) the rental value of the parsonage or rental allowance furnished them as part of their compensation and 2) the value of meals and lodging furnished them for the convenience of their employer. This change in the law affects ministers' liability for self-employment tax but does not otherwise affect their liability for income tax." So says a report from the National Council of Churches.

This is a very important matter for ministers. "Old Age" may turn out to be a long time for ministers, and the retirement annuities are small in comparison to present-day needs. The Federal Government is trying to help people have an income during those twilight years. The denomination urges all ministers to get in on this plan, and warns that there may be no assistance (and certainly it must be inadequate) from the denomination for those who do not look out for themselves while they can. It is hoped that all our ministers will seek this social security, and will also be in the Annuity Fund of the denomination. The two sources of aid may make the difference between pleasant living and the suffering that comes from lack of income.

Only a Nickel

According to the *Southern Baptist Handbook*, "Mr. Average American" spends only 5c a day for religious and welfare causes. In contrast to this nickel, each day he spends 9c for tobacco, 15c for alcoholic beverages, 22c for recreation, 58c for transportation (including foreign travel), 59c for taxes, \$1.12 for food and \$2.30 for other household expenses such as rent, clothing, savings, medical and miscellaneous expenses.

—from *Christianity Today*

The Superintendent's Page

During the first half of the month of October the annual meetings of the six associations and conferences of the convention were held. Miss Campbell, Miss Alice M. Huggins, our missionary speaker, and I had the privilege of attending each of the meetings. Of course the travel and time involved make such an undertaking a physical and mental challenge, but even so it is a rewarding experience to share in the various sessions. It is good to meet the members and ministers of the churches. It is encouraging to learn of the work being done in the local churches and the associations and conferences.

From all that people have said to me, I think Miss Huggins was very good for us. In simple and clear fashion she reminded us that we do have a vital part in the mission of the church of Jesus Christ, and that we really aren't doing what we ought to be doing and what we are capable of doing. If we catch more of her enthusiasm and dedication the Southeast Convention soon will be a "Missionary Convention" instead of a "Mission-aided Convention."

Many of you have asked about Miss Huggins' books and from where they can be secured. On this page is a list of her books and the address to which to write to secure them. I know that you will find her books illuminating and stimulating.

Church Pledges

While thinking about Our Christian World Mission it is good that we should consider the pledges our churches will be making to our work. Some of the churches have voted to accept the goals suggested for them and have sent the signed pledge to the convention office. Probably many of the churches have voted to accept the goals, but just haven't sent in the signed pledge. In order that we may keep our records straight it will be most helpful if the churches will send in the pledges just as soon as possible.

It should occur to us that if our churches are going to be able to meet their local responsibilities and their opportunities to share in the work of the

wider fellowship we, as church members, must give generously and systematically to God's work. There are two things that Dr. Warren H. Denison said that come to mind.

"It is a good thing to have money and the things money can buy; but it is vital that we check up and make sure we have not lost the things that money cannot buy."

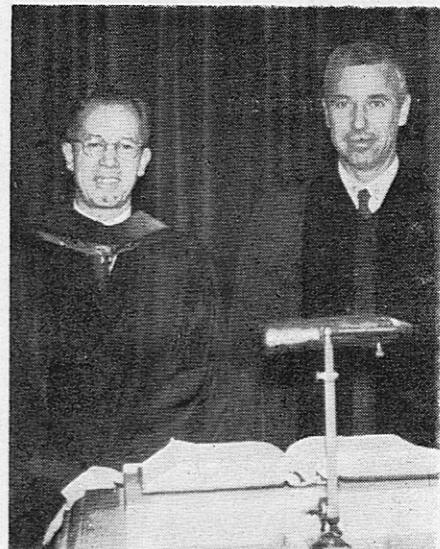
"It is not loving that empties the heart, nor giving that empties the purse."

Needed: Ministers

Just the other day there came across my desk a list of churches of our fellowship across the nation that need ministers. We have too many vacant pulpits in the Southeast Convention. This is a responsibility and opportunity in which we all share. Our churches are not producing a sufficient number of ministers, of missionaries, of religious educationists to take care of present needs, much less of future growth. Does your church make any serious effort to place the claims of Church Vocation before its people? Are you guiding young people into Church Vocations?

Two events of the future have a bearing on this matter. The Fall Ministers' Convocation will be held at the Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala., November 18-22. Through it we seek to continue the learning process of our trained ministers and to give an opportunity to secure basic training to men who wish to be engaged in the ministry and have not had the opportunity to secure the usual formal training.

The second event is a Church Vocations Conference for Young People which is to be held on the campus of the Southern Union College from December 27 to December 29. This is particularly for young people who have evidenced an interest in full time church work—as a minister, as a missionary, as a director of religious education, as a director of music . . . If there is such a young person in your church, be very sure to help him or her attend this conference. Detailed information can be secured by writing to the Convention



Rev. H. W. Fleer, host pastor
Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Office.

The Superintendent's Schedule

Nov. 2 - 3, Southern Union College for Homecoming and Dedication

Nov. 3, evening, Birmingham Pilgrim, for installation of Rev. Baldwin

Nov. 6, Charleston, S. C.

Nov. 9, Kentucky-Tennessee Young People's Rally

Nov. 10, Russell Woods Church in Phenix City, Ala.

Nov. 16 - 17, Laymen's Rally at Lanett; Nov. 17, Church Builders Club at Lanett

Nov. 18 - 22, Ministers' Convocation at Wadley, Ala.

Nov. 19, Georgia Council of Churches meeting in Atlanta

Dec. 1, Chattanooga Pilgrim Church

Dec. 4, Atlanta Central Guild

Dec. 8, Roanoke Antioch Church

Dec. 15, Thorsby United Church

List of books written by Miss Alice M. Huggins: *Wan-Fu* and *Day of the False Dragon* from Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass. *The Red Chair Waits*, Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa. *Fragrant Jade*, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Perhaps your local library has one or more of them.

Church News....

Announcement has been made of the sale of Pilgrim Church in Chattanooga to the nearby Methodist church. The congregation has the right to continue using the building until June 1959, when it is anticipated that the new church will be ready for occupancy. The present membership outgrew the church facilities and plans for the new building provide adequate space for the increased membership and expanding program of the Pilgrim Church.

Mrs. Arnold Slater was city chairman of World Community Day, and secured the Rev. A. Ray Meserve of Knoxville as the guest speaker. Mrs. R. G. Obrecht is in charge of subscriptions to the Church Woman magazine. Mrs. Emerson Poste is Key Woman, representing the church.

On Oct. 16 the Men's Club met at the church for supper (served by the Guild) and guest speaker was the Rev. E. F. Bickel of the First E and R Church of Nashville, Tenn.

The Pilgrim Fellowship met at the church for supper on Oct. 13 to make plans for Work Day for Christ and the Soddy Rally.

The Pilgrim Guild met Oct. 7 for luncheon at the church. Mrs. Augustus McCravey spoke on "Impressions of Europe."

Mr. Sherwood Landrum has assumed the responsibility of conducting the Adult Bible Class during the study and discussion of D. C. Somervell's abridgement of the first six volumes of Arnold Toynbee's *Study of History*. Joe Bates is class president.

— from Church Newsletter

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The Division of Christian Education made a film strip on the Pilgrim Series Church School material at Nashville Brookmeade Church during October. The film strip will be for general distribution to churches throughout the country.

Mr. Flannery and the Rev. Eugene Bickel, minister of the First E & R Church, exchanged pulpits Oct. 27th as part of the observance of "Ecumenical Month" in the United Church. The two churches joined for a fellowship dinner on Nov. 3.

The Laymen's Fellowship will sponsor monthly fellowship dinners this

year instead of meeting as a separate group. The first dinner was Oct. 18, and Dr. John Kirschman of Vanderbilt showed some movies he made while on a special assignment for the government in Libya last summer.

Roland Bell and Harry Hokemeir, laymen, were the speakers for the service on Oct. 13. Robert Baker, minister of education, was in charge of the service, since Rev. Flannery was attending the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in Crossville.

The United Student Fellowship was entertained on Oct. 13 with supper and fellowship at the First E & R Church. On Sept. 22 the Women's Guild of Brookmeade and First E & R gave a breakfast for all new students of the two fellowships attending Nashville colleges. On Oct. 27 the USF met at Brookmeade Church at 5:30 p. m.

The Junior Pilgrim Fellowship met on the afternoon of Nov. 3 at the parsonage with refreshments, games, program discussion, and the making of plans to attend the PF rally at Soddy, Tenn., on Nov. 9.

—from church news bulletin

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Looking back over the summer, the Pilgrim Fellowship of Pleasant Hill Church is very proud to say that we have had good programs, vespers, fun, and educational programs. We helped in a town clean-up, picking up paper and hauling off tin cans, etc.

During the summer eight of our PF girls enjoyed helping with the Daily Vacation Bible School, giving them the experience of working with younger children.

Our vespers at Van Dyke were enjoyed by the patients there, and they really looked forward to our coming on Sunday evenings. This was a means of a spiritual program for them and we feel it helped to enjoy the day which is set aside for the worshiping of God.

Our regular Sunday evening programs included reports from the summer camp, which was held at Pomona and the work camp at Wadley, Ala., the latter given by Bettye Cunningham. Another interesting evening was the time we had the Bible quiz and Bible charades. This helped us know more about the Bible and Christ.

Sallye Frazier, a very active member, gave us a book review on *The Third Wish*.

Another interesting program was the debate on voting, "Should Young People Vote at the Age of 18 or 21?" The majority thought that we should vote at the age of 18. To end our summer we had a picnic and vesper service at the Cumberland Mountain State Park.

We have lost some of our PF members because they have gone to college and various other places. Bettye Cunningham, Freda Tucker, Sallye Frazier and Norma Moore have gone to Berea, Ky., to attend college. Franklin Little and Dennis Walker are attending T. P. I. David Kennedy is now working. Tommy Little has gone to Florida; he is now a senior in high school. Caroline Kennedy has moved away. We are sorry to lose these fine workers but with the help of God and our very fine sponsors and the Reynolds we can carry on our PF work.

—Edwin; Simmons, reporter

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The Daisy First Church sponsored the Speer Family concert held Sept. 9 and the Soddy-Daisy High School. This was a project of the Church Building Fund committee — another of their successful promotions.

The Sunday School gave a children's Hallowe'en party on Oct. 31 at the cabin. The PF party was held at the home of Miss Barbara Ferry.

The pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter F. Crosby, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Deborah Joselyn, born Oct. 8. This is the Crosbys' third child.

—from church news bulletin

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Nov. 10 was designated "Loyalty Sunday" at the Birmingham Pilgrim Church for a three-pronged Stewardship emphasis: current expenses, benevolences and the building fund. Present plans are to break ground on the new building in 1958. Members were asked to consider this as the maximum opportunity to sacrifice, that the church may go forward.

The area dinner held in cooperation with St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church was a great success, with more than 90 present.

Family Night was observed on Nov. 6 with a pot luck dinner and the color film, "Split Level Family."

On Oct. 21 the Women's Guild met

Russell Woods Dedication

The new Russell Woods Congregational Christian Church of Phenix City, Ala., held a dedication service for the new building on Tillery Drive on Nov. 10.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. was the guest preacher for the morning service, and the dedication service was held in the afternoon following a dinner served at the church.

The congregation did most of the construction work on the new church themselves. It is of concrete block.

with over 30 members present. A delicious luncheon was served and the Rev. C. W. Baldwin was the speaker.

The annual bazaar was held Nov. 13 with a "Christmassy" theme, turkey dinner, gifts and Christmas decorations by the score. Mrs. Margaret Hunter and Mrs. Verna Turner were co-chairmen.

Beginning on the evening of Oct. 10 and continuing for six sessions, Mr. Baldwin conducted a mid-week service called the "Christian Life Forum."

In the Sunday school a teacher training program has begun on the last Monday of each month.

—from church newsletter

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Noonday Church, near Wedowee, sent the following delegates to the East Alabama Association meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McManus, and Mr. and Mrs. Wood Carpenter.

The pastor, the Rev. Bill Traylor, built a table and seat combination for the beginners Sunday School room. It is very attractive, having been finished in natural wood, and the class is enjoying it very much.

The Women's Fellowship purchased a dozen folding chairs for the S. S. rooms with part of the proceeds from selling flavoring.

Results of our enthusiastic singing school held two weeks this past summer are being enjoyed by the congregation. Marlin Williams, of Woodland, Ala., was the teacher.

The church is always happy to cooperate in community programs — for the past several years the New Hope Community Club has sponsored an Easter sunrise service at Noon Day Church, and last year the New Hope community enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus at the Noon Day Church, fol-

Memo to PF'ers

Have you obtained your HIGH FELLOWSHIP SET? The cost is \$1.00 for the set or 15c for each booklet, as follows:

- 1) The Fellowship Idea
- 2) Christian Faith
- 3) Christian Action
- 4) Christian Fellowship
- 5) The Howbook (new one)
- 6) With Junior Highs
- 7) The Adult Role (for leaders)

This set is a must for every group organized as a Pilgrim Fellowship. We have a few in the SEC office, or you may order from Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

lowing a religious pageant on Christmas Eve.

—Kathryn Carpenter, reporter

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Ambrose Church has finished a big year and made much progress under the leadership of the Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, now minister at Andalusia Antioch Church.

We received seven members on confession of faith. We have a good Pilgrim Fellowship which meets every Sunday night. We were sorry to see Mr. Blankenhorn leave, and we wish him good luck and God's blessing in his new work.

We have called the Rev. Otto Culpepper, who is serving Enigma Church, to serve us two Sundays each month.

—Mrs. Oswald Vickers, reporter

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The revival services held Oct. 6-11 at **Enigma Church** by the Rev. Otto Culpepper, the pastor, were greatly appreciated by a large attendance. Four new members were added to the church rolls by profession of faith.

We are happy to say that under the leadership of Mr. Culpepper we have made the greatest strides forward in years. We have called him to serve another year, two Sundays each month, and are looking forward to another great year of service for the Lord.

We can see that 1958 holds for us a new recreation building and several Sunday school rooms. We have recently put up a lighted bulletin board and signs directing people to the Enigma Church.

Follow the signs and worship with us on any first or third Sunday.

—Vernon Harris, reporter

East Tallassee Dedication

The East Tallassee Church on Nov. 10 had its homecoming and dedicated the new educational building, just completed.

The educational building was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. James Isaiah Barker, who served as pastor for more than 30 years. A plaque was unveiled by his wife, Mrs. James I. Barker, during the afternoon service.

The congregation is very proud of the progress of East Tallassee Church over the years, and of its building program and recent progress under the leadership of the Rev. Herbert Long. The new building will provide space to train the children of the church in the "good life", and the improvements made on the church and interior of the sanctuary make it a new and worthy edifice for worship.

Fall Conference . . .

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Missionary Education, Mrs. Arthur Wallace;

Georgia - S. C. Conference: Moderator, Rev. Edw. Knight; Vice-moderator, Rev. Sam Nelson Jr.; Secretary, Mrs. Ione Kirkland; Treasurer, Rev. Jas. T. McAdams; Representative to Board of Directors, Clyatt James; Representative to General Council, Rev. Yancey Sears.

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Kentucky - Tennessee Conference

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Committee chairmen: Ministry and Churches, Dr. Paul R. Reynolds; Survey and Church Aid, Rev. Arnold Slatner; Evangelism, Rev. Harold W. Freer; Stewardship and Missionary Education, Rev. R. Ray Meserve; Christian Education, Mrs. J. M. Cager; Christian Action, Rev. Clyde Flannery.

BHM Appoints Secretaries

A new department devoted to the particular problems of the inner-city church has been established by the Board of Home Missions' Division of Church Extension and Evangelism.

Dr. Stanley U. North, general secretary of the division, announced that the Rev. Joseph M. Merchant will become the new secretary for the Inner-City Church.

Mr. Merchant has been serving as director of the Department of the Urban Church of the National Council of Churches. His background of executive and administrative leadership in a number of forward-looking organizations stand him in good stead as he enters this new field.

Dr. North also announced that the Rev. Harris E. Heverly has been appointed associate secretary for Church Finance Advisory Service.

For the past seven years minister of South Congregational Church in Middletown, Conn., Mr. Heverly fills the position left vacant when LeRoy E. Eide became secretary of field promotion for the Missions Council.

Rev. Baldwin Installed

A Service of Installation was held on the evening of Nov. 3 for the Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin in Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The statement to the congregation was given by Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr., the charge to the minister by the Rev. Arnold Slater, the charge to the congregation by the Rev. Guy L. Colbert, and the installation prayer by Mr. Lightbourne.

The right hand of fellowship was given for the local church by the Rev. Henry M. Edmonds; for the North Alabama Association by the Rev. Colbert, for the Southeast Convention by the Rev. Slater and for the Birmingham Ministerial Association by the Rev. John C. Turner, minister of the Advent (Episcopal) Church of Birmingham and president of the Birmingham Ministerial Association.

Church Vocations Meeting

The committee planning the Church Vocations Conference to be at Southern Union College, has announced that the conference will open at four o'clock on Dec. 27, with Bill Green in charge of registration, and close with breakfast on Dec. 29.

This will not be a general young people's conference, but one planned to reach the following (from age 12 through college):

- 1) Those who are planning to enter a church vocation;
- 2) Those who think they might be interested in a church vocation;
- 3) Those recommended as being well-qualified for a church vocation.

Programs and final information will be sent only to those in the above categories. Anyone interested should send his name and address to Miss Annie R. Campbell at the Southeast Convention office in Atlanta. Ministers and church clerks will receive information and registration blanks. Churches are urged to help pay the expenses of any promising young person from their own community.

Cost for registration, room and board, will be \$3.50 (if you furnish your own linens) or \$4.00.

Rev. Schofield Installed

An impressive installation service was held on the evening of Oct. 27 in the Lanett Church for the new pastor, the Rev. John D. Schofield. The Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent, preached the sermon.

Other participants in the service were the Rev. Wm. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Christian Church of Lanett and vice-president of the Valley Ministerial Association; Rev. Olin Sheppard, chairman of the East Association Committee on Ministry; Rev. A. C. Nelson, Moderator of the East Alabama Association; Mr. Pate Dunn, chairman, Board of Deacons, Lanett Church; Mrs. Posey Sorrell, Minister of Music, Lanett Church.

New President at Fisk

According to Dr. Philip M. Widenhouse, General Secretary of the Division of Higher Education and AMA, Dr. Stephen J. Wright was elected president of Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., to succeed the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson.

Dr. Wright is a native of Dillon, S. C. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Hampton Institute, his Master's Degree from Howard University, and his Ph. D. from New York University in 1943. Dr. Wright was a Fellow of the General Education Board, 1941-1943.

He served as Dean for eight years and in 1953 became president of Bluefield State College in West Virginia.

Dr. Wright is the author of a number of articles in the field of Education and Educational Administration. He has been Associate Editor of the *Journal of Educational Sociology*, a member of the executive committee of the American Conference of Academic Deans, and president of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes.

People and Places . . .

The Rev. Claude Warren, who was interim pastor at Pilgrim Church of Birmingham for 16 months, recently was the speaker at the Peace United Church of Christ in Schofield, Wis. His topic was "Great Poets of the Old Testament."

Mrs. G. F. Logan of Talladega, Ala., has had an article accepted by the *Christian Herald Magazine*, to appear in the December issue. It tells the story of the East Talladega Church with its bare tree last Christmas and the leaves of money contributed by the congregation towards the building fund.

More than 20 PFers of the Headland Blackwood Church worked from sun-up to sun-down on Work Day for Christ — washing cars, mowing lawns, sweeping lawns, washing windows, etc., and earned more than \$35 — the largest amount they have contributed for this project.